

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the Abstract with the following amended Abstract:

**ABSTRACT**

An infeed apparatus ~~for a sheet material article trimmer~~ includes a pusher element for moving a sheet material article to be trimmed on a front table of ~~the~~ a trimmer and into engagement with a backstop of the front table. ~~The pusher element is moved by a~~ A driver ~~which~~ moves the pusher element at the same speed as the front table for a period of time with the pusher element in engagement with a back edge portion of the sheet material article and the backstop in engagement with a front edge portion of the sheet material article. The period of time is at least as long as the time required for a front clamp of the sheet material article trimmer to grip the sheet material article against the front table and/or for the front clamp move through a distance corresponding to the difference in thickness between the thinnest sheet material article and the thickest sheet material article ~~to grip the sheet material article against the front table.~~